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SUBJ: NUCLEAR CONSULTATIONS

1. WHEN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY DISCOVERED THAT JOSEPH NYE WAS GOING TO THE SALZBURG CONFERENCE, HE INQUIRED WHETHER NYE MIGHT BE THERE WHEN MEHTA WENT TO LONDON IN MID-MAY FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE BRITISH. I TOLD HIM THIS WOULDN'T WORK AS NYE WAS GOING ONLY TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SALZBURG CONFERENCE. MEHTA ASKED ME LAST NIGHT WHETHER NYE PLANNED TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 16. MEHTA WAS THINKING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS COMING ACROSS TO WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTER'S CONFERENCE.

2. THIS REPRESENTS ONLY MEHTA'S THINKING ALOUD AS HE HAS NOT, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE HOLD

THIS CLOSELY, INCLUDING FROM THE INDIAN EMBASSY. MEHTA WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE INTERESTED IN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON NONPROLIFERATION BUT INSTEAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF MANAGEMENT OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUE.

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3. CAN YOU TELL ME WHETHER NYE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 16? I THINK SUCH DIRECT COMMUNICATION WOULD BE MOST USEFUL, PARTICULARLY SINCE INDICATIONS ARE THAT MEHTA HAS BEEN OF CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE SINCE THE NEW GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER.
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